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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 23 September 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory (part of Meeting), Messrs. Helms, Houston, Kirkpatrick, Sheldon and [ ]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted an editorial in today's WASHINGTON POST which alleged that no specific statement had ever been made by the Soviets that Beria had actually been arrested and asked Mr. Sheldon to look into this.

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Mr. Amory:

Reported that Mr. McCloy intended to visit Europe in the near future and had indicated he would appreciate a briefing from CIA and also an opportunity to see the Director. The Director approved. Mr. Amory undertook to follow through on this, noting that Mr. McCloy was expected in Washington next week.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Reported that Senator Knowland was returning about 1 October and had agreed to a debriefing on Saturday, 3 October. The Director asked Mr. [ ] to arrange this.

b. Stated that three members of the House Appropriations Committee were on their way to Europe to look into VOA and "allied activities", and suggested that he pass this information on to [ ] in order that the proper officers in the field might be notified. The Director approved.

c. Suggested that Mr. Pforzheimer pay a courtesy call on Senator Fred A. Seaton, the newly appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative and Liaison Matters. The Director approved.

d. Reported that in several recent instances it had been necessary for him to explain to employees "why their services were no longer required" and expressed concern over the fact that in the majority of cases these

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Mr. Kirkpatrick (Continued):

people had received "Satisfactory" or better efficiency reports, promotions, etc., and this, therefore, made his task more difficult. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in addition these people are aware of the fact that we are hiring new employees and this, coupled with the above, went a long way toward causing disgruntlement and leaving the door wide open for these individuals to approach Members of Congress. The Director asked what action could be taken to rectify this situation and Mr. Kirkpatrick said as a starter he planned to send his reports for the preceding six months on this subject to the Deputies, recommending that they discuss this problem with their responsible officers. The Director approved.

Mr. Helms:

a. Stated that [ ] had received a request from ONE to brief the Board of National Estimates, on Iran. The Director said he would prefer that this be delayed for the time being and Mr. Helms undertook to so notify Mr. [ ]

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